

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2312**  
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**COLD STORAGE AND COLD CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN  
MAHARASHTRA**

**2312. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:**

Will the Minister of **FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) the availability and capacity of cold storage and warehousing facilities in Maharashtra;
- (b) the financial assistance provided for setting up cold chains;
- (c) the role of such infrastructure in reducing post-harvest losses; and
- (d) the future plans to enhance storage and cold chain networks in the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
(SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)

**(a):** As on 31.01.2025, 665 number of cold storages with capacity of 1219851 MT and 86 number of warehouses with capacity of 1581743 MT are available in the State of Maharashtra.

**(b):** The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a component scheme — Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain scheme) under Central Sector umbrella scheme — Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). Cold Chain scheme is demand driven and being implemented across the country. Under this scheme, grants-in-aid/subsidy is provided for setting up of integrated cold chain projects @35% of the eligible project cost in general areas and @ 50% in case of difficult areas and the proposals from SC/ST, FPOs and SHGs subject to maximum grants-in-aid/ subsidy of Rs.10.00 crore per project.

**(c):** As per the extant Cold Chain scheme guidelines dated 22.05.2025, Cold Chain scheme provides integrated cold chain, preservation and value addition infrastructure facilities without any break from the farm gate to the consumer in order to reduce post-harvest losses of non-horticulture produce, dairy, meat, poultry, marine/fish (except shrimp). Cold Chain projects link producers to food processors and market through a well-equipped supply chain and cold chain, thereby ensuring remunerative prices to farmers and year-round availability of food products to consumers.

**(d):** Cold Chain scheme being a demand driven, MoFPI floats Expression of Interests (Eols) from time to time to invite proposals from eligible entities across the country for setting up of integrated cold chain projects based on availability of funds.

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has floated an RFP on 04.07.2025 for the "Development of Cold Storage on PPP model" in the following shortlisted locations of Maharashtra:

1. Kalamboli
2. Chikalthana
3. Sangli
4. Vashi and
5. Ratnagiri

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